

FIRST ANNUAL ORATORY CONTEST OCCURS TONIGHT

Seven Contestants Will Take Part in Event.

PROGRAM TO BE INTERSPERSED WITH EXCELLENT MUSIC

The first annual oratorical contest held by the high schools and preparatory institutions of the territory will be held this evening at the Elks' opera house. It will begin promptly at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the contest, the first of its kind to be held in New Mexico and which promises to be a most interesting affair.

There are to be seven contestants, all selected after spirited preliminaries in the various territorial towns which have sent representatives. Besides the contestant from the preparatory department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Mesilla Park, who has not yet been announced, those who will appear tonight are: Miss May Ross, Las Vegas Normal, subject, "The Power of Imagination." Lawrence Clark, Las Vegas High school, "A Menace to the Republic." Miss Lillian Winders, Gallup High school, "Woman's Sphere in Life." Miss Elsie Sackett, Albuquerque High school, "The Great Conviction of the World."

Miss Laura Wood, Santa Fe High school, "Twentieth Century Patriotism."

Lawrence Hfield, preparatory department of the University of New Mexico, "Abraham Lincoln."

The judges on thought and composition are Rev. A. G. Harrison, of Albuquerque, Rev. Henry Ruffner, of Silver City, and Hiram Hadley, of Santa Fe, territorial superintendent of public instruction.

The Albuquerque orchestra will furnish good music and Miss Ada Campbell, whose musical ability is too well known to need comment, will sing.

COLDEST AT LAGUNA FOR PAST 25 YEARS

EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SNOW ALSO BREAKS RECORDS

Special to the Morning Journal. Laguna, N. M., Dec. 25.—The lowest temperature and the heaviest fall of snow for the last twenty-five years exist at Laguna on Christmas. The thermometer dropped last night to eighteen degrees below zero and over eighteen inches of snow covers the ground on the level. Reports from the Navajo reservation indicate that there has been considerable suffering among the Indians and the phenomenon of cold weather is said to have caused great privation in all the remote districts. The snow in the mountains near here is said to be the heaviest for a great many years.

HAGERMAN WILL DRIVE GRAPERS FROM TERRITORY Will Cut Out All the Fruits From Public Ceremonies.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 25.—A Colorado Springs dispatch to the Post says: "I propose to investigate all charges of public graft in New Mexico after I am sworn in as governor, and if I find corruption and wrong-doing among the servants of the people over whom I have any control whatever I will drive them from the territory." This is the all-important statement made by Governor-to-be Herbert J. Hagerman of New Mexico, who arrived in Colorado Springs today to spend the holidays with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Hagerman. Governor-to-be Hagerman for many years was a resident of this city, and his friends and well-wishers here are legion. He has been receiving congratulations on his appointment as governor of New Mexico by President Roosevelt on all sides. He is outspoken regarding what he believes is the duty of public officers, and talks straight from the shoulder, letting the chips fly where they will. This is one of the chief characteristics of the young governor and promises to bring him prominently before the public as a reformer long before his coming term expires.

Governor Hagerman is anxious to reunite the republican party of New Mexico, but he does not care for peace at the price of public honesty and graft, he declares. His determined stand for justice and right has already won him thousands of friends in the territory a fact which was more than patent at a recent dinner given in his honor by Governor Otero, whom he will succeed. Yesterday a delegation of prominent citizens of Santa Fe who have been in strong opposition to the present regime called on Governor Hagerman and assured him of their fullest support in the conduct of his office along the lines he has so boldly announced.

Governor Hagerman is opposed to all frills and ostentation in public office and has vetoed that portion of the program covering a brilliant parade and speeches. He expects to take the oath of office as quietly and with as little ceremony as possible. It was only after much persuasion that he consented to permit an inaugural ball and reception.

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Stories of the Streets and of the Town

The Greatest Pie Town.

"After all mince pie is not as good as it is cracked up to be," said the reckless young man in the restaurant, as he finished up his second piece. He had preceded it by a dozen fried oysters and a Welsh rarebit, and his companion observed that after all, one piece of mince pie more or less couldn't make much difference. "But Albuquerque isn't a good pie town," said a reckless one, as he began to scan the bill of fare to see what to eat for dessert. "Chicago's the best pie town in the country. You can get a piece of any kind of pie, hot or cold, thin or thick, rare or well done, at almost any restaurant in Chicago, and it will be real pie—good pie. You can't beat the Windy City when it comes to pie. Boston has a great reputation but Boston can't begin to tie in the same class with Chicago. Why, there are pie foundries in that burg that cover whole blocks. The people of Chicago eat millions of pies every month. It is appalling to think how many pies Chicago consumes in a year. But the people there fairly live on pie. A man will drop in a restaurant for breakfast and all he will eat to start the day with will be a piece of pie and a glass of beer. For lunch he eats a piece of apple pie, a piece of mince pie, a piece of pumpkin and a cup of coffee with perhaps a little wedge of cherry pie to top off with. For dinner in the evening he often selects another bunch of well assorted pies from the many varieties furnished, and just before retiring he gets away with just a small piece of rhubarb pie to induce sound and refreshing slumber."

"How do you explain the low death rate in Chicago, if that's a fact?" said the Space Flier, seeking information.

"It's because they don't make the Albuquerque brand of pie in Chicago," said the other, quickly, as he reached for his cafe noir.

Were Eating Their Christmas Dinner.

Rebeld train No. 2 for the east which arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, had to "back up and head in" as the trite saying hath it. After all the baggage work and other things incidental to the stop of a transcontinental train in a hurry, were attended to, the conductor gave the high sign, yelled all aboard, and the big engine belched forth clouds of steam and in a few minutes No. 2 was well started on her run toward the rising sun.

In a few minutes, however, bystanders were surprised to see train No. 2 rumbling back to the station with a disgruntled looking conductor on the rear platform.

It wouldn't do to repeat the conductor's exact words but the gist of his remarks was that he wanted to know where that dam Pullman crew was. Investigation revealed the fact that the Pullman crew was peacefully seated in the Alvarado cafe discussing a bountiful Christmas dinner. It wasn't so bad because they had really almost finished, but the time they made out of that cafe was something startling.

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